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Remarks

The Applicant acknowledges receipt of the draftsman's report PTO 948 which was sent accompanying the telephone interview summary mailed subsequent to the instant Office Action on December 2nd, 2004. Formal drawings will be filed upon issuance.

The Applicant notes that the priority document was mailed to the US PTO on or about October 10th, 2003. The Examiner has, however, failed to acknowledge receipt thereof and is therefore respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the priority document as well as the claim to priority under 35 USC 119 in the next Office Action.

Claims 1 through 5, 12, 21 through 23, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldfarb et. al. Claims 6 through 11, 19, 20 and 24 through 29 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldfarb. The Examiner has, however, indicated that claims 13 through 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response thereto, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable claim 17 thereby rendering amended claim 1 allowable. Moreover, new independent claim 32 and 33 have been submitted directed to the limitations of former claims 13 and 16 respectively which have accordingly been cancelled along with claim 17. Since these claims have been written in independent form incorporating

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the limitations of allowable claims 13 and 16, new claims 32 and 33 are allowable. The remaining claims of record are dependent upon an allowable base claim and are therefore also allowable. Passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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